

**Amendments To The Specification:**

In the English translation document, please delete the term --Description-- at page 1 line 1, before the title.

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1 line 5, after the title, as follows:

**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/DE2003/003029, filed September 12, 2003 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of German application No. 10250201.3 filed October 28, 2002, both applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 5, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section, as follows:

**--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--**

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 1 lines 6-9, as follows:

The invention relates to a method and an apparatus for interchanging data using a tunnel connection ~~in line with the precharacterizing part of patent claim 1 and to an apparatus in line with the precharacterizing part of patent claim 7.~~

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 10, as follows:

**--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--**

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 2 line 32 to page 3 line 3, as follows:

~~F~~for the connection between the local area network and the Internet service provider, different technical access variants and communication protocols are known which are selected according to the technical and local circumstances. Besides access using a modem and an analog telephone line, a digital ISDN connection or directly via an Ethernet data line, the use of asynchronous

digital data lines (ADSL, DSL) is widespread today. In this case, the operator of the local area network is provided with a modem which has a network connection to the local area network and uses a data line for the connection to the service provider.

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 7 line 27, as follows:

The document WO 01/71977 A2 Bosco et al. "Home Networking" shows an arrangement in which a plurality of network elements ("client device") are connected to an external device ("host system") via a network node device ("home gateway device"). In this arrangement, the network node device comprises an address conversion device (NAT entity), which converts the local addresses of the network elements into a global address for the external device, and vice versa. For applications in which one of the network elements is intended to be allocated a global address by the external device, the network node device sets up a tunnel connection which is representative of the network element in question to the external device upon request by the application, the application in question being assigned the network's global IP address of the tunnel connection, and the tunneled data intended for the application being transmitted to the application by the network node device.

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 8 lines 13-15, as follows:

This object is achieved by the claims ~~for the method by the features of patent claim 1 and for the apparatus by the features of patent claim 7.~~

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 8 lines 28-29, as follows:

The characterizing features of the dependent subclaims advantageously refine the invention further.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 9 line 22, as follows:

**--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--**

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In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 10 line 4, as follows:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--